

to increase the debt before approving any bill with deficit spending.

It would also terminate any unobligated funding for the American Rescue Plan Act and any previous stimulus bills, sending it back to the Treasury General Fund for deficit reduction to reduce our debt.

Finally, it would ensure that any bill reducing the Federal debt by at least 5 percent over 10 years is fast-tracked through the legislative process.

Everyone can get behind these commonsense measures. That is why my bill is already endorsed by the National Taxpayers Union, the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste, Americans for Tax Reform, Americans for Prosperity, FreedomWorks, and Club for Growth.

I am also proud to have the support of Senators CRUZ, BRAUN, BLACKBURN, JOHNSON, BARRASSO, ERNST, and TUBERVILLE as cosponsors of this important legislation.

With President Biden's budget proposal—and just to put that in perspective, his budget proposal is \$6 trillion. This year, our Federal receipts are only going to be \$3.5 trillion. How can we expect to run trillions and trillions and trillions of dollars of deficit year after year? With his budget proposal, we see how important the need is to get Washington's awful spending habits under control and start paying down our debt.

I did it before. I did it as Governor of Florida. I walked in with a \$4 billion deficit. I started reducing taxes my first year. We reduced it every year in 8 years, and we cut over a third of the State debt. We did it by being responsible, by holding government accountable for watching how we spent every dollar. It can be done.

So getting back on track is possible, but it takes discipline. It takes accountability. It starts with taking concrete steps, like rejecting bloated budgets and passing commonsense legislation like the Federal Debt Emergency Control Act. We have the chance to do this. We know the vote over the debt ceiling increase is a tough vote for everybody. Let's take this opportunity to have real structural reform so we can start paying down our debt and not leave this debt to future generations.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 264—RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING FREEDOM OF SPEECH, THOUGHT, AND EXPRESSION

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. TILLIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 264

Whereas freedom of speech is one of the most basic values of the United States;

Whereas the ability of all people of the United States to speak, protest, and express their opinions publicly is central to the democratic process and to a free society;

Whereas the principles of the freedom of speech and the freedom of expression are under attack by people with the desire and means to suppress opinions that those people regard as offensive or contrary to prevailing dogmas;

Whereas efforts to stifle debate and silence dissenters are compounded by cancel culture, a movement to impose severe social and economic sanctions on those who express unpopular opinions;

Whereas the freedom of speech should not be dictated by the majority, nor should it be restricted to the freedom to discuss uncontroversial topics;

Whereas the freedom of speech includes the freedom to express views that are unpopular, controversial, and even offensive;

Whereas these attacks on the freedom of speech have resulted in a chilling effect on free expression and created fear of social, economic, and deadly retaliation;

Whereas the stifling of free expression and the resulting fear has exacerbated social tensions and divided the people of the United States;

Whereas, in January 2018, a student at Liberty High School in Oregon was suspended for wearing a shirt that supported President Donald Trump;

Whereas, in January 2018, authorities from the People's Republic of China pressured Marriott International to fire an employee for using the company's social media account to like a Twitter post from a Tibetan separatist group;

Whereas, in July 2018, the People's Republic of China pressured airline companies from the United States to alter their websites to recognize the country's claim to the island of Taiwan;

Whereas, in October 2019, Blizzard Entertainment temporarily banned Ng Wai Chung from their esports tournament for wearing a mask supporting protests in Hong Kong;

Whereas, in October 2019, Blizzard Entertainment temporarily banned an American University esports team from their competition for displaying a sign critical of the company and supporting protests in Hong Kong;

Whereas, in October 2019, authorities in the People's Republic of China pressured Daryl Morey, the general manager of the Houston Rockets basketball team, to apologize for expressing support on Twitter for protests in Hong Kong;

Whereas, in September 2020, the University of Southern California placed Professor Greg Patton on leave after explaining a word in the Mandarin language that is pronounced similarly to an offensive word in English during his lecture;

Whereas, in December 2020, opinion editor Adam Rubenstein resigned from the New York Times 6 months after he faced backlash from the staff of the New York Times for editing an opinion piece by Senator Tom Cotton of Arkansas; and

Whereas, in February 2021, Lucasfilm fired actress Gina Carano after she authored a social media post calling on people not to hate their neighbors for their political views: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes that freedom of expression and freedom of speech are sacred ideals of the United States and should protect the freedom to peacefully express thoughts and opinions without fear.

SENATE RESOLUTION 265—HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HEINOUS ATTACK AT THE PULSE NIGHTCLUB ON JUNE 12, 2016

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 265

Whereas, on June 12, 2016, a gunman inspired by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria targeted the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, where he killed 49 innocent victims and wounded dozens more in a despicable attack;

Whereas the attack at the Pulse nightclub was an attack on the LGBTQ community, the Hispanic community, the City of Orlando, the State of Florida, and the United States;

Whereas the Orlando community continues to mourn the tragic loss of life, but has demonstrated remarkable strength, unity, and resilience in the aftermath of the horrendous event;

Whereas June 12 is designated as "Pulse Remembrance Day" in the State of Florida to honor the victims and survivors of the senseless attack;

Whereas the people of the United States continue to pray for those affected by the tragedy; and

Whereas June 12, 2021, marks 5 years since the lives of the 49 innocent victims were tragically cut short by the senseless act of terrorism: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 49 victims killed in the attack at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, on June 12, 2016, and offers heartfelt condolences to the families, loved ones, and friends of the victims;

(2) honors the dozens of survivors of the attack and pledges continued resolve to stand against terrorism and hate; and

(3) expresses gratitude to the brave law enforcement and emergency medical personnel who responded to the attack.

SENATE RESOLUTION 266—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 2021 AS "NATIONAL BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH"

Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 266

Whereas more than an estimated 84,000 individuals will be diagnosed with a primary brain tumor in the United States in 2021, and an estimated 87,240 individuals in the United States were diagnosed with a primary brain tumor in 2020;

Whereas, in the United States, brain tumors are the—

(1) leading cause of death from cancer in children who are under 14 years of age and teens who are under 19 years of age; and

(2) third leading cause of death from cancer in young adults who are between 20 and 39 years of age;

Whereas the average 5-year survival rate for an individual in the United States following the diagnosis of a primary malignant brain tumor is only 36 percent;

Whereas it is estimated that 18,600 individuals in the United States will die as a result of a malignant brain tumor in 2021;

Whereas brain tumors may be malignant or benign but can be life-threatening in either case;